

THE BEGINNINGS OF THE AMERICAN TRADITION (To 1760)

Introduction (Pages 2–11)

1. What did European explorers hope to find in the New World?

2. Identify two significant motives that led to the permanent settlement of America.

3. In your own words, describe the three beliefs that pervaded Puritan writing and that later influenced American writing. _____

4. Give the title and date of each of the following publications:

a. A Puritan history by Cotton Mather _____

b. The first book published in America _____

c. The first American "best seller" _____

7. What do the early explorers, the Puritans, and the first Southern writers share with later American writers?

(4) _____

(3) _____

(2) _____

(1) _____

6. List four differences between the settlements of New England and those of the South.

c. Great Awakening _____

b. Spiritual autobiography _____

a. Puritanism _____

5. In your own words, define each of the following terms:

NAME _____

CLASS _____ DATE _____

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